

Province of } To his Excellency Francis Bernard Esq. to the  
Massachusetts Bay } Hono<sup>ble</sup> his Majestys Council & to the Hono<sup>ble</sup>  
House of } House of Representatives in Genl Court of the

The Petition of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester  
Humbly shews, that the Superior Court of Judicature and  
the Courts of Generall Sessions of the Peace, and Inferior  
Courts of Common Pleas for S<sup>d</sup> County have heitherto  
been holden at Worcester the shire Town of S<sup>d</sup> County  
and your Petitioners are Apprehensive, another Term of  
the S<sup>d</sup> Superior Court may shortly be appointed for S<sup>d</sup>  
County and your Petitioners are Apprehensive it would  
be more for the conveniency of said County, if one term  
of the said Superior Court, and two of the Courts of General  
Sessions and Common Pleas were holden at S<sup>d</sup> Lancaster, your  
Petitioners therefore humbly Pray that your Excellency and  
Honors would take the Premises into your wise consideration  
and establish one Term of the S<sup>d</sup> Superior Court and two  
of the Courts of Sessions & Common Pleas to be holden at  
Lancaster for the future, or otherwise regulate the same  
as your Excell<sup>y</sup> and Honors shall think meet, and your Petiti-  
oners as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Abijah Willard in behalf of  
the Town of Lancaster

In the House of Representatives Febr<sup>y</sup> 19 1768 Ordered  
that the Petitioners Notify the severall Towns & Districts, and  
also the Courts of General Sessions of the Peace in the County of  
Worcester of this Petition, by serving their Clerks with a Copy thereof  
to shew cause if any they have, on the second Tuesday of the next  
May Session, why the Prayer should not be granted

Sent up for concurrence

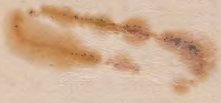
J. Lushing Speaker

in Council Febr<sup>y</sup> 19 1768 Read and Concured

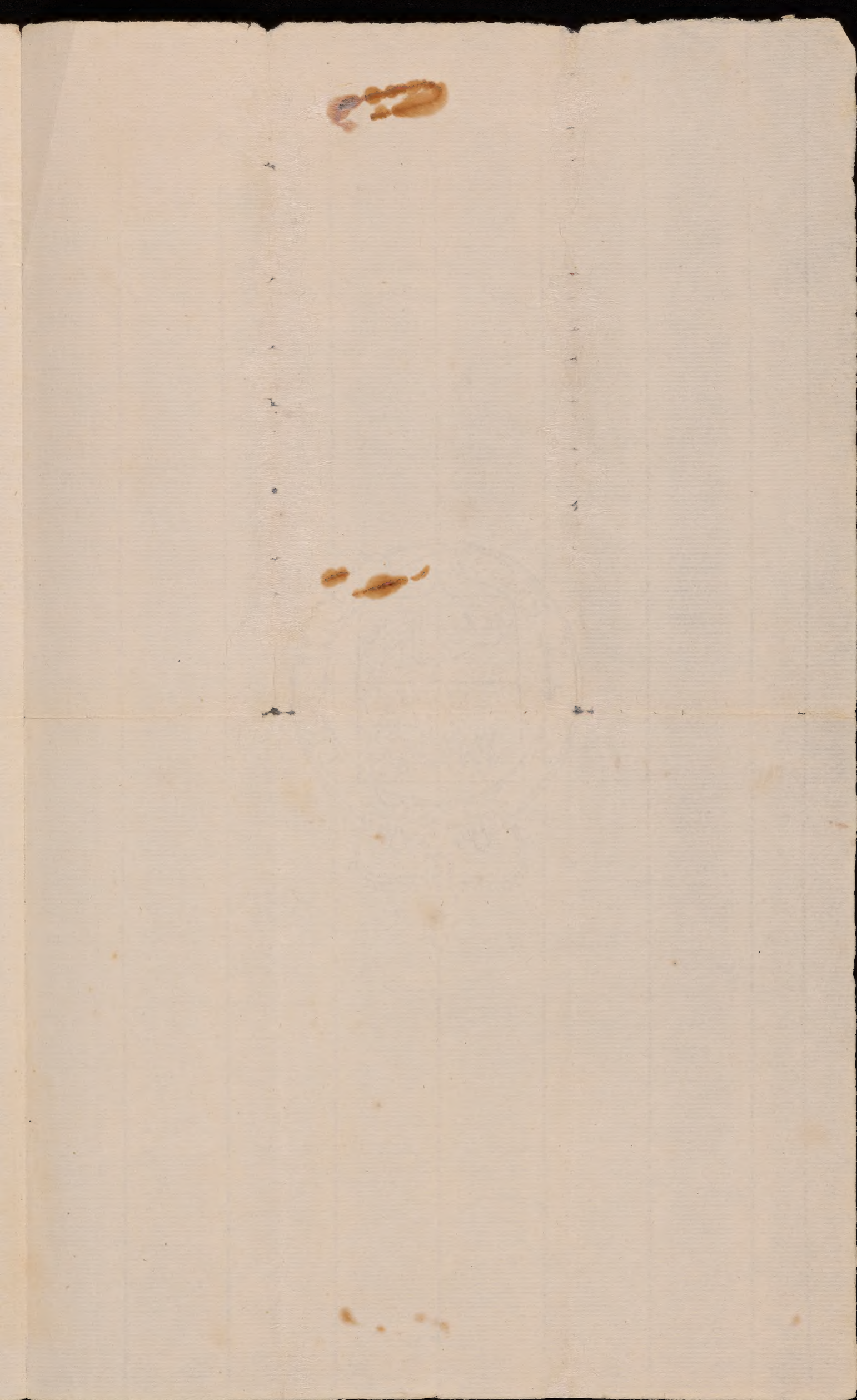
A. Oliver Secre<sup>y</sup>

a True Copy attest Jn<sup>o</sup> Coffin D<sup>y</sup> Secre<sup>y</sup>











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